

Announcements:

Committee Assignments: The Majority Leader announced, in accordance with S. Res. 18, that the following Democratic member has been assigned to the following committees:

Committee on Indian Affairs: Senator Franken.
Select Committee on Aging: Senator Franken.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

William Carlton Eacho III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Fay Hartog-Levin, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Stephen J. Rapp, of Iowa, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—218) Page S7178

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7215.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, who was introduced by Senators Johnson and Thune, Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, who was introduced by Representative Pingree, and Evan J. Segal, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Casey, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1406, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010, with amendments; and

S. 1407, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010, with amendments.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIALS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legal issues regarding military commissions and the trial of detainees for violations of the law of war, after receiving testimony from Jeh C. Johnson, General Counsel, Vice Admiral Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, Judge Advocate General, and Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN (Ret.), former Judge Advocate General, both of the United States Navy, and Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr., USA (Ret.), former Appointing Authority for Military Commissions, all of the Department of Defense; David S. Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Daniel Marcus, American University Washington College, Washington, DC.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine public transportation, focusing on a core climate solution, after receiving testimony from Ernest Tollerson, Director, New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority Policy and Media Relations, New York; Michael A. Replogle, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, and Randal